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There have been no discernible changes in the strength and disposition of the Soviet ground forces in the Soviet-occupied countries of Europe up to the middle of May 1951. The majority of the Soviet Army units in the Soviet Zone of Germany continued training at the troop training grounds during the period covered by the report.

GERMANY.Order of Battle.

1. Reports received between 1 May and 1 June 1951 indicated no changes in the overall disposition of the Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany until the middle of May 1951.

2. The following units and rear service installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany, with  location, and  were confirmed between 1 May and 1 June 1951:  25X1

a. GHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

56th Motor Trans Regt

WUENSDORF

66th (?) Sig Regt

POTSDAM area

Iq of an Arty Div

POTSDAM

An Engr Regt

POTSDAM

53d Central Repair Shop

BERLIN-OBERSCHONEWEIDE

123d Tank Repair Shop

MUELLROSE

800th Nation Supply Depot

KIRCHHOESEL

820th Nation Supply Depot

SATZKORN

Main Clothing Depot

FRANKFURT/Oder

Main Sig Depot

BRIE

Main Medcial Depot

BAD SAAROW-

Main Fuel Supply Depot

-PIESKOW

Main Ordnance Shop

FUEGSTADT/WALD

A repair shop

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b. Eighth Guards Army.

Army Ration Supply Depot  
 Army Fuel Supply Depot  
 117th Gds Mtcz Rifle Regt

ERFURT-MARBACH  
 MUENCHENBERNSDORF  
 MEININGEN

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c. Third Shock Army.

Hq 3d Gds AAA Div  
 Army Ordnance Depot  
 Army Fuel Supply Depot  
 Hq LXXIX Mtcz Rifle Corps  
 Hq 207th Mtcz Rifle Div  
 Hq 19th Gds Mecz Div  
 573d (?) Mort Regt  
 74th Tank SP Regt  
 Hq 18th Mecz Div  
 59th Mecz Regt  
 60th Mecz Regt  
 1054th How Arty Regt

MAGDEBURG  
 MOEGELIN  
 MAGDEBURG  
 STENDAL  
 STENDAL  
 HILLERSLEBEN (?)  
 MAGDEBURG (?)  
 SCHWERIN  
 PERLEBERG  
 LUDWIGSLUST  
 PARCHIM  
 LUDWIGSLUST

d. First Guards Mechanized Army.

Army Ration Supply Depot 25X1C  
 Army Fuel Supply Depot  
 80th Repair Shop  
 263d Gds AAA Regt  
 20th Gds Mecz Regt  
 44th Gds Tank Regt

DRESDEN  
 DR. SDEN  
 DRESDEN (?)  
 KOENIGSBRUECK  
 WURZEN  
 BAUTZEN

e. Second Guards Mechanized Army.

31st AAA Div  
 Army Fuel Supply Depot  
 Hq 12th Gds Tank Div  
 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt  
 48th Gds Tank Regt  
 Hq 1st Mecz Div  
 35th Mecz Regt  
 219th Tank Regt

SCHOENWALDE area  
 FURSTENBERG  
 NEURUPPIN  
 NEURUPPIN  
 NEURUPPIN  
 DOEBERITZ  
 DOEBERITZ  
 DOEBERITZ

f. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

91st Gds RL Regt  
 Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div  
 49th Gds Mecz Regt  
 Hq 6th Gds Tank Div  
 Hq 7th Gds Tank Div  
 Hq 9th Mecz Div

TREBBIN  
 JUETERBOG  
 JUETERBOG  
 WITTENBERG  
 BOSSLAU  
 COTTBUS

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

116th Sig Regt  
 35th Gds Mecz Regt  
 676th How Arty Regt  
 52d Gds RL Bn  
 120th (?) AAA Regt  
 111th Tank Regt  
 81st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt

EBERSWALDE  
 BERNAU  
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 ORANIENBURG  
 STAAKEN or  
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Field Exercises and Training.

## 3. Division Training.

The movement of elements of 18 out of the 22 motorized rifle, mechanized, and tank divisions in the Soviet Zone of Germany from their military posts to troop training grounds was virtually completed by the end of April 1951. During the first half of May the volume of troop movements in the Eighth Gds Army area was still great, while rail movements in the other army areas involved only a few units moving from their posts to the troop training grounds behind schedule. Reports from the military posts indicate that the bulk of the units, with their equipment, moved to the troop training grounds, leaving behind in the installations only rear details, some of which consisted only of young troops. During the first half of May 1951, the troops at the training grounds were engaged primarily in preparing their quarters, but probably still during May, took up combat practice at platoon and company level. Specifically, reports on the occupation of the troop training grounds which were received between 1 May and 1 June 1951 indicate the following:

a. Eighth Guards Army Area.OHRDRUF:

The billeting area between OHRDRUF and CRAWINKEL was heavily occupied in mid-May. Most of the motor vehicles observed there belong to headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and to components of both the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div. Although motor vehicles of the two divisions subordinate to the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps were observed in the OHRDRUF area, it is fairly definitely believed that primarily the two divisions of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are located at the OHRDRUF troop training grounds. In addition, headquarters artillery and signal units of the Eighth Gds Army from WEILMAR moved to OHRDRUF during April 1951. However, the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army, which remained at OHRDRUF throughout the summer of 1950, was still at its post in GLAUCHAU by the end of April 1951.

KINDEL:

Reports of May 1951 from the EISENACH-KINDEL area are not specific enough to disclose the identity of the units there. They only indicate a heavy occupation of the camps at WOLFSBERG and west of ETTENHAUSEN. However, it is believed that the bulk of the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div is at KINDEL, since troops of the division from NAUMBURG and WEISSEN-FELS departed westwards by rail at the end of April and during the first half of May 1951. According to other reports [redacted]

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[redacted] elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were also at KINDEL in mid-April 1951. However, it is believed that they were only minor components of the division, since the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Div participated in an engineer exercise conducted in the AKEN area from 6 to 17 May 1951.

BAD KOESEN:

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Vehicle [redacted] reported [redacted] from BAD KOESEN during April 1951 belong to headquarters units of both the Eighth Gds Army and the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and to components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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b. Third Shock Army Area.

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(1) The 7th and 10th Gds Tank Divs moved to Letzling Heath during the second half of April 1951, probably occupying the camps in the woods at BORN and PLANKEN. In addition, some component units of the 1st Mecz Div and headquarters units, probably artillery units, of the Third Shock Army are believed to be in this area. In the northern portion of the training area, the camp south of HOTTENDORF was occupied, but Camp UCHTSPRINGE was still vacant on 23 May. [redacted] analysis indicates that Camp HOTTENDORF probably quarters elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, a mixed unit of the 18th Mecz Div, and elements of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army from BURG. While elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div practiced in the STENDAL area in late April and during the first half of May 1951, units of the division were probably rotated to the northern portion of Letzling Heath for combat practice with live ammunition in May 1951. Troops of the 18th Mecz Div with tanks and artillery pieces, who were seen on two trains in the STENDAL area during the first half of May 1951, came from the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds. They probably left the WITTSTOCK area only temporarily to hold joint field exercises with other elements of the Third Shock Army. The component units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in HILLERSLEBEN were still at their quarters in early May 1951. They are believed to conduct their summer training in the southern portion of Letzling Heath, from their permanent quarters. Reports from MAGDEBURG indicate that the divisional units there left the post in mid-April 1951, probably going to Letzling Heath. Previous conclusions as to a major concentration of troops at Letzling Heath have thus been substantiated. \* There have been no reports of any kind, including reports on rail movements, which would indicate that the concentration of troops in this area serves any purpose other than that of summer training. [redacted]

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(2) Troops with tanks and rocket launchers were loaded in SCHWERIN on 25 April 1951, with the rocket launchers being dispatched to JUETERBOG. Further elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps departed by rail during the first days of May and by road from 3 to 12 May 1951, with the troops moving by road heading southeast. Since there have been no reports on the arrival of these units at a troop training grounds, it is possible that the troops moved to the JAENNERSDORF area, southeast of PARCHIM, where tank components of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div probably have been practicing since as early as April 1951.

c. First Guards Mechanized Army Area.

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KOENIGSBRUECK:

Elements of all three divisions and headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army were confirmed in the KOENIGSBRUECK area by [redacted] analysis until the beginning of May 1951. Reports from the posts of both the 9th Tank Div and the 8th Gds Mecz Div indicate that the two divisions left, with only rear details remaining at the quarters. However, the elements of the 11th Gds Tank Div are believed to be rotating to the troop training grounds from their permanent quarters for the time being.

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ZEITHAIN:

Artillery units which left ZEITHAIN by road for KONIGSBRUECK at the end of April 1951 probably were components of the 9th Tank Div which had moved from their post to ZEITHAIN as early as the spring of 1951.

d. Second Guards Mechanized Army Area.

Elements of the 13th Mecz Div were confirmed at the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds until mid-May 1951. Tank and artillery troops of the division were loaded at the DIRANSE railroad station at the beginning of May 1951 and, according to confirmed reports, were shipped from the STENDAL area to Letzling Heath. The observation

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of the 94th Gds Mtc Rifle Div at WITTSTOCK does not necessarily imply that units of the division are also stationed there. Except for the signal battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div which left for field training at the end of April 1951 and did not return by the middle of May 1951, the units of the 9th and 12th Gds Tank Divs remained at their quarters until the middle of May 1951 and showed no signs of a forthcoming departure. Troops of the 1st Mecz Div left for Letzling Heath on two trains at the end of April 1951. However, the bulk of the divisional units were still at their quarters by mid-May 1951 and took no measures indicative of a departure.

e. Third Guards Mechanized Army Area.JUETERBOG and WERDER-MARKENDORF:

Elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div were confirmed at Camp WERDER-MARKENDORF until mid-May 1951. It appears that the units moved virtually their entire equipment to the training area, but left some of their personnel behind at the respective posts of WITTENBERG and JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER to continue training. Troops of the unidentified AAA Div of the GOFG, possibly the 32d, from FRANKFURT/Oder arrived at JUETERBOG aboard one train on 11 April 1951. [redacted]

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[redacted] this unit were still observed in JUETERBOG on 21 April 1951. Elements of the division from KUESTRIN had moved to JUETERBOG for a three week's training as early as March 1951. \* Troops on a total of six trains from EBERSWALDE, FUERSTENWALDE, TEMPLIN, LINEROSE, and WEISSWASSER arrived at JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER about 20 May 1951. The troops, whose identity could not be established, may have been rocket launcher units of the divisions of the Third and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies which came to the JUETERBOG troop training grounds for special firing practice, as they did in 1950.

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WEISSWASSER:

The elements of the 9th Mecz Div were still in Camp NOCHTEN, south of WEISSWASSER, in mid-May 1951. Since from 12,000 to 15,000 troops seem to be quartered in the WEISSWASSER training area, and since reports by several sources from this area mentioned [redacted]

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[redacted] may belong to the Northern Group of Forces, it is possible that small units from Polish-occupied Germany are participating in the summer training of the 9th Mecz Div. However, this still requires confirmation, since there have been no reports on troops crossing the Neisse River by rail or road.

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f. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army Area.TEMPLIN:

The movement of the elements of both the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the 25th Tank Div from their posts to the TEMPLIN troop training grounds

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was completed at the end of April 1951. Both divisions were confirmed there until mid-May 1951.

LIEBEROSE:

Since the quarters at the LIEBEROSE troop training grounds were occupied to 75 percent of their capacity by elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from FRANKFURT/Oder and FURSTENWALDE in mid-May 1951, it is believed that the bulk of the division had moved to the camp by that time. On 21 May 1951, troops there were engaged in a combat practice, including the use of smoke screens.

## 4. Special Exercises.

a. Reports from the WUSTROW AAA range were not specific on the activities of the troops there and contained no leads to establish their identity. However, [ ] in addition to elements of six AAA divisions identified there as early as March 1951, there were also elements of the 263d Gds AAA Regt of the 4th Gds AAA Div in April 1951, and, [ ] units of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds, in early May 1951. \* Units which moved to WUSTROW, probably by rail, included elements of the 249th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div from JUETERBOG, of the 3d Gds AAA Div from MAGDEBURG, and the 287th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Div, in late April 1951; and elements of the 31st AAA Div from SCHOENWALDE and of the 48th (?) AAA Regt of the 1st Mecz Div from DOEBERITZ, about 20 May 1951. Analysis [ ]

[ ] of the 2d Gds AAA Div from POTSDAM were also at WUSTROW in mid-April 1951.

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b. Elements of the 6th Arty Div from the RATHENOW area, components of the unidentified artillery division from POTSDAM, and the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Gds, from BERNBURG and BRANDENBURG were confirmed at ALTENGRABOW between 1 and 10 May 1951. Periodic reports indicate that the bulk of the brigades of the 6th Arty Div in RATHENOW but only one brigade of the artillery division in POTSDAM, namely that stationed in the barracks installations in WILDPARK-West and GOLM, moved to ALTENGRABOW during the second half of April 1951. The 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig in the Delius Kaserne, POTSDAM, was still at its quarters in mid-May 1951. By mid-May there were no indications that the artillery component of the 6th Arty Div in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, BRANDENBURG, was preparing to depart. [ ] at ALTENGRABOW in late April and early May 1951 included those of the 43d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army; the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, of the GFC; and some of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the unidentified AAA Division of the Third Gds Mecz Army. It is possible that elements of these units moved to ALTENGRABOW for short cycles of firing practice, as they did in 1950. Analysis [ ]

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25X1C of the 9th Tank Div and the 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army were also at ALTENGRABOW at the end of March and the beginning of April 1951.

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c. Troops began arriving at the BITTKAU engineer training site during the second half of April 1951. The quarters there were occupied by about 1,000 men in mid-May 1951. [ ] analysis, the engineer battalions of the IX and LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, the 19th Gds Mecz Div, and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div are believed to be at Bittkau. No regular training activity on the Elbe River has as yet been observed.

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d. A large-scale engineer exercise involving heavy weapons of the Eighth Gds Army was conducted in the area of AKEN on the Elbe River from 6 to 17 May 1951. The troops arrived and left by road and rail. On the basis of information from the loading and unloading stations, the approach roads, and the training area proper, it was concluded that army units participating in the exercise probably were headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army and its two motorized rifle corps, including engineer, artillery, and AAA troops; the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from HALLE; an engineer unit of the 57th Gds Mtc Rifle Div; a headquarters engineer unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army; the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG from ROSSLAU; components of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from POTSDAM; components of the unidentified Mort Brig, possibly the 65th, of the 6th Arty Div, probably from ALTENGRABOW; and motor transport units of the GOFG. Officers of the Second and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies seen there probably attended the exercise as observers. The exercise is believed to have been conducted from south to north across the Elbe River. Three bridges were constructed between RIEZMECK and BRAMBACH and were subsequently crossed by elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. Some shipments of the ammunition arriving in the training area indicated that the troops probably used live ammunition in the crossing operation. Those elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div which participated in the exercise possibly returned to HALLE for only a few days and left again westwards, probably for the KINDEL troop training grounds, about 20 May 1951.

Personnel.

5. Small groups of recruits arrived at RATHENOW in April and early May 1951. Soldiers on seven boxcars arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany via KUESTRIN on 20 May 1951. A forthcoming turnover in personnel was indicated by several measures, including the preparation of quarters in the barracks installation at BAD FREIENWALDE on and after 25 May 1951; the movement of trains from BERLIN-LICHTENBERG to RATHENOW, WILDPARK, and JUETERBOG on 20 May 1951 having shuttle-train numbers of the lxx F series and consisting of about 50 empty boxcars suitable for the long-distance transportation of troops; and the passing, through KUESTRIN, of an empty troop train bound for INSTREBURG on 20 May 1951. It is possible that, under this replacement program, the remaining contingents of the 1927 class will be shipped to the U.S.S.R. for demobilization while recruits of the 1930 class and some of the 1931 class, who were inducted in the U.S.S.R. in the spring of 1951, will arrive in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

6. With the troops moving to the troop training grounds, there was a marked drop in the volume of leave traffic to the U.S.S.R., whereas the leave trains returning from the U.S.S.R. were still occupied to capacity.

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MGB Units.

8. Since it has been established that the Militia and Border Guard Troops are under the jurisdiction of the MGB, the previous belief that the troops with blue-bordered red epaulets, who have been carried as Interior Troops of the MVD, are also under the jurisdiction of the MGB has been confirmed by a Soviet document. There were indications to this effect as early as 1949.

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It seems appropriate, henceforth, to refer to the Militia, Border Guard, and Interior Troops as MGB troops.

9. The change of service color with the MGB troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany, which began in early April 1951, was carried through with all MGB units by May 1951. The green epaulets previously worn by the MGB troops have been replaced by black-bordered red epaulets. However, since one source reported MGB troops in DRESDEN as wearing blue-bordered red epaulets, it remains to be seen whether the new red epaulets are black or blue bordered. Personnel of the signal-communications center in the MGB compound in BERLIN-CRUENAU, who previously wore green epaulets, were reported to wear black-bordered black epaulets in May 1951.
10. On the whole, the disposition of MGB troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany remained constant up to the middle of May 1951. The headquarters of an MGB regiment was confirmed in the Kutscher factory, SCHWARZENBERG, in April 1951. Its components were reportedly located in the uranium mining area of AUE-SCHWARZENBERG-JOHANNGEORGENSTADT. An MGB unit of about battalion strength was confirmed in BERLIN-BIKSDORF in May 1951. Two MGB battalions are believed to be stationed in the restricted Petershof area at GUSTROW.
11. In addition to MGB troops guarding the installations in the uranium mining area, so-called labor troops with red-bordered black epaulets are assigned to work in the uranium mines. Such units were observed in RASCHAU, BREITENBRUNN, JOHANNGEORGENSTADT, AUE, AND OBERGCHLEMA.

Transportation.

12. According to meager information available, the traffic situation of the Soviet Zone Railroads, probably due to seasonal factors, has eased considerably. On 9 May 1951, there was a backlog of 709 loaded railroad cars awaiting dispatch, a situation which may be considered normal. The coal situation continued to develop favorably. Coal stocks available on 9 May included 80,808 tons of hard coal, 21,096 tons of brown coal, 91,703 tons of brown coal briquettes, 2,011 tons of coke, and 156 tons of coal dust, i.e. a total of 195,774 tons. These stocks are adequate for 10 days' operation. The park of operational railroad cars which amounted to an average of 70,000 to 75,000 cars in May 1951, was still under the fixed target figure of 80,000.
13. Locomotives in the Soviet Zone of Germany as of 28 February 1951:

a. German locomotives:

Serviceable	3,160 locomotives
Under repair or on deadline	<u>2,426 locomotives</u>
Total	5,586 locomotives

b. Column locomotives:

Serviceable	341 locomotives
Under repair	<u>35 locomotives</u>
Total	376 locomotives

c. Foreign-owned locomotives:

Serviceable	25 locomotives
Under repair or on deadline	<u>1,072 locomotives</u>
Total	1,097 locomotives

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## d. Narrow-gauge locomotives:

600 mm gauge	10 locomotives
750 mm gauge	148 locomotives
900 mm gauge	5 locomotives
1,000 mm gauge	<u>47 locomotives</u>
Total	210 locomotives
Of which serviceable:	148 locomotives

## e. Forty-three locomotives were deactivated to be scrapped.

14. There has been no change in the organizational status and the locations of locomotive columns. Also the reserve locomotives are still being kept cold at their previous locations.

15. A new regulating station is being built between the eastern perimeter of FRANKFURT/Oder and the Oder River bridge. The KUESTRIN-KIETZ border crossing point is also being improved by the construction of new tracks, ramps, and connecting curves. Both projects are designed to improve operational conditions for transit traffic.

16. The demolished viaduct across the Neisse River near GORLITZ is scheduled for reconstruction this year. This would establish a seventh border crossing point on the Oder-Neisse line.

17. About 20,000 former German freightcars will be returned by the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany in the near future. In connection with this plan, five or six trains loaded with standard-gauge axles are being sent every week to BREST LITOVSK and GINDAUEN. The first batch of 50 such cars returned by the U.S.S.R. arrived in FRANKFURT/Oder from BREST LITOVSK on 20 May 1951. Although these cars are more or less damaged they will, after being thoroughly overhauled, considerably ease the critical rolling stock situation of the Soviet Zone railroad system.

German Volkspolizei.

18. Information on VP units received during the period covered by the report indicates a slight reinforcement by new police recruits of the 24 VP Dienststellen (VPD) of the Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Main Administration for Training) (HVA). The present actual strength of each VPD, whose structure is similar to that of a regiment, is believed to average 1,600 to 1,700 police, i.e., about 70 percent of the planned authorized strength. It has not been observed that any heavy weapons were recently issued to the VPDs. The heavy weapons which they presently have are generally only 20 percent of the authorized basic allowance. Therefore, it is believed that at least the artillery Kommandos and the armored Sonderabteilungen still have merely the status of training units. The total strength of the 24 combined-arms VPDs, the 9 large police schools, the 6 small police schools, and the administrative agencies of the HVA is estimated at 52,000 police at present. The following cover designations of VPDs, introduced in January 1951, have been identified:

0664	- VPD TREPTOW (Polit-Kultur school)
1034	- VPD ERFURT-PETERSBERG (infantry school)
1152	- VPD EGGSIN
1213	- VPD PRENZLAU
1239	- VPD MUEHLHAUSEN
1293	- VPD QUEDLINBURG
1321	- VPD PRORA
1595	- VPD APOLLNSDORF (motor transport school)
1772	- VPD ZITTAU

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1916 - VPD GROSSENHAIN  
2155 - VPD ZEITHAIN  
2511 - VPD BRANDENBURG-HOFENSTURCKEN  
2736 - VPD MEININGEN  
2915 - VPD HALLE  
2912 - VPD GOTHA  
3172 - VPD LEIPZIG II  
3213 - VPD BURG.

Miscellaneous.

19. A ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages by Soviet officers and men ~~was~~ pronounced at several military posts and troop training grounds at the end of April 1951. It is believed to be a measure by a central command headquarters with the object of improving ~~the~~ discipline of the troops.

AUSTRIA.General.

20. There were no discernible changes in the disposition and organization of the Soviet Army units in the Soviet Zone of Austria until mid-May 1951.

21. The 1064th AAA Regt of the 23d AAA Div was confirmed in KORNEUBURG until 8 April 1951.

Training.

22. The bulk of the 13th Gds Mts Div was still at permanent quarters up to 20 May 1951. No measures indicating a forthcoming departure of the troops to a troop training grounds for summer training were observed. Only small tank units of the division were observed on trains going to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds, probably for individual firing practice. Signal units of the division practiced in the EBREICHSDORF area on 25 May 1951. The fact that the division, with almost all of its elements, was still at its permanent quarters at the end of May 1951 is contrary to Soviet practice during the preceding years when the division would move to the DOELLERSHEIM training grounds for summer training in April. This was about the same time that the divisions in the Soviet Zone of Germany would move to their training areas. The reasons why the division remained at its post have not been determined.

23. The elements of the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div in the billeting areas of MAUER-OEHLING-URFAHR and BAD FISCHAU-WIENER NEUSTADT were still at their posts by 20 May 1951. Divisional units from ST. POELTEN may have left the post for the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds at the end of April or the beginning of May 1951. This was concluded from reports

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stating that the barracks installations in ST. POELTEN were only lightly occupied in early May 1951. However, this conclusion is not confirmed by the fact that the 95th Gds Mts Rifle Div were continually observed in the DOELLERSHEIM area, may belong to elements of the division which are permanently stationed in DOELLERSHEIM. There is also the possibility that this summer the elements of the division may be rotated to DOELLERSHEIM, because the motorized rifle regiments which are primarily assigned to guard duty along the zonal border are indispensable at the border for a prolonged period of time.

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24. Three trains carrying elements of the 23d AAA Div arrived at the APETLON AAA range on 4 and 12 May 1951. Since the troops had barracks sections with them which they subsequently assembled, it is believed that they will stay at the AAA range for a prolonged period of time. On 25 May 1951, the troops were still engaged in preparing their quarters and had not yet taken up training.

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25. According to a report of early May 1951 from SZOMBATHELY and KOERMEND, it appears that the elements of the 17th Gds Mecz Div there had left their quarters, possibly to move to the HAYMASKER troop training grounds. The 2d Gds Mecz Div which is carried in the military posts of KECSEMET, CEGLED, SZOLNOK, and KISKUNFELEGYHAZA has been at a troop training grounds in the BUGAC area, 30 km south-southwest of KECSEMET, and at a troop training grounds in the area of BOCSA, 8 km northeast of SOLTVADEKERT, since about mid-March 1951. Elements of the division were confirmed [redacted] at both training grounds until the beginning of May 1951.

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[redacted] supplied information on Soviet troops there and Soviet troops in the Banat and other parts of Rumania. On the basis of this and supplementary information [redacted] Soviet units located in TIMISOARA in mid-April 1951 are believed to include a high-echelon headquarters, probably a division headquarters; one, or probably two, medium tank regiments; a heavy tank self-propelled regiment; and, possibly, a motorized rifle regiment. Taking into consideration the fact that source saw Soviet officers with tank insignia in ARAD and that, therefore, a tank unit, possibly a regiment, may be located there, it can be concluded that a Soviet tank division, with its headquarters in TIMISOARA, has been located in the Banat since the fall of 1949 or the spring of 1950. It has not been determined whether this tank division is the 19th Tank Div which was last identified in Rumania in 1947, or whether it is a new tank division from the U.S.S.R. Furthermore, there were 600 AAA troops located in TIMISOARA, who were equipped with not less than 48 AA guns, including 17 heavy guns whose barrels rested on supports when the guns were not in firing position. These figures indicate that the Soviet garrison in TIMISOARA also includes two regiments of an AAA division, the billeting area of which has not been previously determined.

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27. Refugees confirmed the presence of Soviet troops in LIEGNITZ, OPPELN, and BELGARD until the end of 1950 and Soviet detachments in WARSAW and PRACA until the beginning of 1951.

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[redacted] the 852d Arty Regt of the 276th Rifle Div during World War II. Since the division had been stationed on the Crimean Peninsula prior to the war, it is conceivable that it returned to the Crimean Peninsula after the war.

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